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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY  
LITIGATION

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No. 12-md-2323 (AB)

MDL No. 2323

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

Plaintiff's Master Administrative Long-Form  
Complaint and:

Plaintiff Connell Spain

**PETITION TO ESTABLISH**  
**ATTORNEY'S LIEN**

Comes now Petitioners, Mokaram & Associates, PC, pursuant to an executed Agreement for Legal Services come now and states as follows:

1. Petitioners are attorneys at law admitted to practice before the courts of Texas, and files this Petition to establish a lien for attorney's fees as set forth hereinafter.
2. On or about March 10, 2013, Petitioners, Mokaram & Associates, PC were retained and employed by the Plaintiff, Connell Spain, pursuant to an agreement for legal services, to pursue a claim for injuries and damages allegedly caused by the National Football League's conduct associated with football-related concussions, head, and brain injuries.
3. The specifics of the agreement for legal services are as follows: If no recovery (by settlement or trial) is obtained, client will not owe a legal fee. If Mokaram & Associates,

PC obtains a settlement or judgment for Client, Client will pay to the Petitioners forty percent (40%) of the gross recovery plus reimbursement of expenses.

4. When Petitioners entered into contract with Plaintiff, Petitioners entered into the risk and expense of the litigation.
5. From the date the Petitioner was authorized to proceed on behalf of the Plaintiff, the Petitioner has actively and diligently investigated, prepared, and pursued Plaintiff's claims, and has taken all steps necessary to prosecute those claims, including, but not limited to, correspondence and communications with the client, preparation and review of client's factual and legal circumstances, retaining experts, drafting and providing client updates, analyzing Plaintiff's medical status and need for medical testing, etc.
6. The Plaintiff has discharged the Petitioners as his attorney in this matter, and it is expected that a new attorney will be pursuing representation of the Plaintiff in this action.
7. Petitioners were not terminated due to any malfeasance or other improper action.
8. The Petitioners claim the right to have a lien for attorney's fees and expenses established and enforced upon any sums to be derived from any settlement or judgment obtained or to be obtained by Plaintiff in this action.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioners pray:

1. That an attorney's lien be established;
2. That the amount of the lien be determined;
3. That the Court order that Petitioner be entitled to enforce an attorney's lien against the proceeds to be derived from any settlement or judgment in this action;
4. That the Defendant or the Defendant's insurer be prohibited from paying to the Plaintiff any sums of money until said lien has been satisfied; and

5. For such other further relief as this Court deems just.

Dated: July 5, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I caused the foregoing Petition to Establish Attorney's Lien to be served via the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on all parties registered for CM/ECF in the litigation.

Dated: July 5, 2017

By: /s/ Jeffrey Stern